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SEARCH OF THE 950-NM IMPACT AREA OF THE KAPUSTIN YAR MISSILE TEST RANGE, USSR

The 950-nautical-mile (nm) impact area of the Kapustin Yar Missile Test Range (KYMTR) situated on the western periphery of the Sary Shagan Antimissile Test Center (SSATC), was searched extensively. None of the type of electronic facilities previously seen on KEYHOLE photography in the 1,050-nm impact area was detected. Although the results of this search were predominantly negative, scale of the KEYHOLE photography is not believed to be the limiting factor. Rather, it is believed that such instrumentation facilities either are not present or are mobile. For

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Furthermore,

no additional data can be supplied on the microwave towers on the basis of the more recent photography.

No major installations were detected in the KYMTR 950-nm impact area. Vehicle tracks leading to and extending between small scars, which have no identifiable pattern, suggest that the sites are occupied on an "as required" basis. No permanent facilities such as housing or similar support adjuncts were observed.

The 950-nm impact area is connected by poorly developed roads to both the Sary Shagan area and Base 4 (Kzyl-Dzhar). These roads, however, have neither the well-developed pattern nor the signs of frequent usage of those in the 1,050-nm impact area.

The road network centered on Dzhambul, or Zone F, 1/connects with Sary Shagan, Kzyl-Dzhar, and Mointy, From Dzhambul earthen roads, which show signs of vehicle usage, connect with Instrumentation Sites 8, 9, and 10. 2/ From Instrumentation Sites 8, 9, and 10, a common road leads eastward and then southward to Launch Complex A of the SSATC.

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